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Sanborn-Palmer Tax Credit Bills Signed into Law

Bills will provide tax relief for Fire, Police and ALS Special

LANSING – Homeowners will be allowed to include certain assessments into the basis for their property tax – giving them tax relief – under legislation sponsored by state Sen. Alan Sanborn (R-Richmond) and state Rep. Brian Palmer (R-Romeo) and signed into law today by the governor.

“An assessment on a home is a tax on the homeowner, and state law ought to recognize it as such,” Sanborn said. “This affords relief without harm to our budget, but, more importantly, it’s just plain fair.”

The bills allow homeowners to close the gap in current state income tax laws that does not allow the residents of townships with a village overlap, such as Bruce and Washington, to claim a Homestead Tax Credit on their state income tax returns for Fire, Police and ALS Special Assessments.

The lawmakers said they sponsored the legislation in response to taxpayers’ concerns about the special assessment districts set up to support public safety services and the subsequent denial of the Homestead Property Tax Credit within these districts. Homeowners in Bruce and Washington townships are currently unable to use the amount of these special assessments in the calculation of their Homestead Property Tax Credit.

“Today is a great day for the residents of Bruce and Washington Townships,” said Palmer. “I am glad that the hard-working residents of Bruce and Washington Townships can get the property tax credits they deserve and are entitled to.”

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